

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. VOINOVICH. Mr. President, I rise today to urge my colleagues to vote to confirm Michael R. Barrett, whom the President has nominated to serve on the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Ohio.

Mr. Barrett has a distinguished and impressive record as a prosecutor, a defense attorney, and a community leader, and he has deep roots in southwest Ohio.

Mr. Barrett is a graduate of the University of Cincinnati, where he obtained his bachelor of arts in 1974, and his law degree in 1977. After graduating from law school, Mr. Barrett served as an administrative hearing officer for the State of Ohio and then joined the Hamilton County prosecutor's office as an assistant prosecuting attorney. When he joined the prosecutor's office, Mr. Barrett was assigned to the Felony Trial Division, where he participated in investigations, grand jury proceedings, and felony trials. In 1983, Mr. Barrett was promoted to be a chief assistant of the Felony Trial Division.

In 1984, Mr. Barrett joined Graydon, Head & Ritchey, where he worked on both criminal and civil matters, initially as an associate before being promoted to partner. In 1995, he joined his current firm, Barrett & Weber, where he has continued to practice in the same areas of law.

Mr. Barrett's law practice includes criminal defense work covering the spectrum of the Criminal Code. In addition, Mr. Barrett maintains an active civil litigation practice including recent securities law matters in which he has represented individual plaintiffs as well as the attorney general's office for the State of Ohio. His practice has earned him several listings in "Best Lawyers in America" and "Ohio Super Lawyers." In addition, Mr. Barrett has received the Outstanding Service Award as a Mediator from the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Ohio. In sum, Mr. Barrett has the broad courtroom experience that will serve him well as a federal judge.

Mr. Barrett has also served on the Supreme Court of Ohio's Board of Commissioners on Grievances and Discipline, which evidences the high esteem in which members of the Ohio bar hold him and is testimony of his excellent character.

As a result of Mr. Barrett's fine academic and professional achievements, I am not surprised that the American Bar Association found Mr. Barrett qualified to serve as a Federal district court judge.

Mr. Barrett's legal credentials are not the only reasons I support his nomination. In an age where I believe too many people do not take the time to become active members of their communities, Mr. Barrett has been a community leader. Some of Mr. Barrett's community activities include his current service on the board of trustees of Talbert House, a Cincinnati-area social

service organization; his current service as a director of Boys Hope/Girls Hope of Cincinnati, an organization designed to provide an array of services for at-risk children; and his past service as a trustee of Children's Services of Hamilton County. When I was Governor of Ohio, I was pleased to appoint Mr. Barrett to the board of trustees of the University of Cincinnati. He served 9 years on the board of trustees, including a period as chairman.

Involvement in one's community is important. We need judges who not only have exceptional legal skills but who also recognize how the law impacts individuals and communities. I believe Mr. Barrett has this understanding because he is out in his community every day.

In reviewing Mr. Barrett's academic and professional record, it is clear that he is well qualified to serve as a Federal district court judge on the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Ohio, and I urge my colleagues to support his nomination.

Mr. DEWINE. I ask for the yeas and nays.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there a sufficient second?

There appears to be a sufficient second.

The question is, Will the Senate advise and consent to the nomination of Michael Ryan Barrett, of Ohio, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Ohio? On this question, the yeas and nays have been ordered, and the clerk will call the roll.

The legislative clerk called the roll.

Mr. McCONNELL. The following Senators were necessarily absent: the Senator from North Carolina (Mr. BURR), the Senator from South Carolina (Mr. GRAHAM), the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. SANTORUM), and the Senator from Alabama (Mr. SESSIONS).

Mr. DURBIN. I announce that the Senator from Delaware (Mr. BIDEN), the Senator from Iowa (Mr. HARKIN), the Senator from Wisconsin (Mr. KOHL), and the Senator from West Virginia (Mr. ROCKEFELLER) are necessarily absent.

I also announce that the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. KERRY) and the Senator from Arkansas (Mrs. LINCOLN) are absent due to death in family.

I further announce that, if present and voting, the Senator from Iowa (Mr. HARKIN), the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. KERRY) and the Senator from Arkansas (Mrs. LINCOLN) would each vote "yea."

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. THUNE). Are there any other Senators in the chamber desiring to Vote?

The result was announced—yeas 90, nays 0, as follows:

[Rollcall Vote No. 102 Ex.]

YEAS—90

Akaka	Bayh	Brownback
Alexander	Bennett	Bunning
Allard	Bingaman	Burns
Allen	Bond	Byrd
Baucus	Boxer	Cantwell

Carper	Grassley	Murray
Chafee	Gregg	Nelson (FL)
Chambliss	Hagel	Nelson (NE)
Clinton	Hatch	Obama
Coburn	Hutchison	Pryor
Cochran	Inhofe	Reed
Coleman	Inouye	Reid
Collins	Isakson	Roberts
Conrad	Jeffords	Salazar
Cornyn	Johnson	Sarbanes
Craig	Kennedy	Schumer
Crapo	Kyl	Shelby
Dayton	Landrieu	Smith
DeMint	Lautenberg	Snowe
DeWine	Leahy	Specter
Dodd	Levin	Stabenow
Dole	Lieberman	Stevens
Domenici	Lott	Sununu
Dorgan	Lugar	Talent
Durbin	Martinez	Thomas
Ensign	McCaIn	Thune
Enzi	McConnell	Vitter
Feingold	Menendez	Voinovich
Feinstein	Mikulski	Warner
Frist	Murkowski	Wyden

NOT VOTING—10

Biden	Kerry	Santorum
Burr	Kohl	Sessions
Graham	Lincoln	
Harkin	Rockefeller	

The nomination was confirmed.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the President will be immediately notified of the Senate's action.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the Senate will now return to legislative session.

The Senator from Georgia.

Mr. CHAMBLISS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that I be allowed to speak as in morning business for up to 10 minutes.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

TRIBUTE TO PHIL WALDEN

Mr. CHAMBLISS. Mr. President, I rise today to talk about an individual who is a native of my State and probably is not well known to Members of this body. He was involved in an industry for which all of us have a great appreciation. The name of the gentleman is Phil Walden.

About 40-plus years ago, when I was at the University of Georgia, I had a college roommate who was responsible for booking bands for a number of fraternities, sororities, and whatnot at the University of Georgia. He came into contact with a man named Phil Walden. I got to know Phil through my roommate Mike Brody.

Phil Walden was an unusual individual. After graduating from Mercy University in 1962 in Macon, GA, he became a full-time professional promoter of bands. During his college days, he teamed up with an individual from Macon, GA, who became a superstar. That superstar's name was Otis Redding.

Phil Walden found Otis Redding at a nightclub in Macon, GA, and made him a rich and famous person in the music industry. Otis Redding was the heart and soul of soul music for a number of years. Unfortunately, Otis Redding